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SUBJECT: DC-6 CRASH ON FEBRUARY 18

REF: A) TEGUCIGALPA 1015; B) 10 FAM 521.7

1. EMBOFF QUERIED WILLIAM COURTNEY, AMCIT MANAGER OF BAYLY DE NICARAGUA, S.A., A LOCAL BLUE JEAN MANUFACTURER, CONCERNING SUBJECT CRASH. COURTNEY CONFIRMED THAT THE PLANE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH WAS A DC-6 AND ADDED THAT:

--HIS FIRM HAD HIRED TRANSIAR CARGO, OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO FLY THE DC-6 TO MANAGUA TO PICK UP A CARGO OF GARMENTS. THE PLANE'S PILOT WAS A MR. BILL SHELTON.

--THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON FEB. 18 AT ABOUT 5:00 P.M.

-- THE AIRCRAFT HAD DEPARTED MANAGUA THAT DAY AND WAS HEADED FOR MIAMI.

--THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO BRUS LAGOON ON HONDURAS' EAST COAST.

--THE PLAN CARRIED A CREW OF THREE BUT NO PASSENGERS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

--THREE OF THE FOUR ENGINES REPORTEDLY WENT OUT OF OPERATION IN FLIGHT. WHEN PLAN BEGAN TO MAKE A SLOW DESCENT, THE PILOT PUT IT DOWN IN THE SOFTEST, LEAST POPULATED AREA AVAILABLE.

--THE PLANE IS PRESUMABLY TOTALLY DESTROYED. IT CARRIED 1,205 DOZEN

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GARMENTS WHICH WERE RUINED.

--PRESIDENT SOMOZA HAS NO OWNERSHIP IN BAYLY DE NICARAGUA, NOTWITHSTANDING RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY.

2. SHOULD EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA DESIRE FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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